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**India Research Project**

*It is time to look at some beautiful aspects of culture on the Indian subcontinent. Your job is to pick one of the following topics and write an interactive research project. Please follow the guidelines below and make sure to look at the grading rubric & checklist as you work.*

**Topics you can choose from:**

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| **Project Topic Ideas** | **Narrowed Topics** |
| Clothing | Sari, Shalwar Kameez, Bindi, Henna, jewelry |
| Food | Spices, main dishes, dessert, drinks |
| Music and Dance | Sitar, Bollywood dance+ song, religious music |
| Sports-Games | Badminton, cricket, field hockey, polo, chess |
| Geography Topics & Landmarks | Himalaya’s, Ganges River, Mumbai, Taj Mahal |
| Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa | Childhood, Independence, Main Beliefs |
| Indian Festivals | Diwali, Holi, independence day, etc. |
| The Caste System | Children, Slums, Dalits, Brahman, etc. |

**Your Research Project Should Follow This Basic Format** *(the minimum):*

* **Title:** A nice title that interests the reader and gives them an idea of what the paper will be about
* **Introduction:** This page should include 1 paragraph that introduces your topic, grabs the reader’s attention, and lets them know what they will discover as they read the rest of your paper. Maybe even talk about India, where it is located and what the reader needs to know about India.
* **Body Paragraph 1-**Subtopic 1 (History, Description, background, important facts, etc.)
* **Body Paragraph 2-**Subtopic 2 (How to…, a story, history, description, facts)
* **Body Paragraph 3-**Subtopic 3 (pros and cons, directions/instructions, famous stories, unique info)
  + You need have **at least** **3** subtopics, but you may include more if you want.
  + Each subtopic page should have at least 1 paragraph of information. It may include more than one paragraph.
* **Conclusion:** This paragraph should include at least one paragraph that restates the main points and final thoughts of your paper
* **Works Cited or Bibliography Page:** This page should list the resources that you used.

**Other things your research book should include:**

* *Each paragraph/subtopic should include one informational text feature*: a picture with a caption, diagram, chart, map, video or “did you know” text box. Diversify!
* Your CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY!!
* Vary your information: facts, stories, directions/instructions, inform your reader about something new!

**DUE DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2015**

**BRAINSTORMING:**

Brainstorm a list of questions and subtopics you might be able to write about!

Possible **topic** for your research paper:

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